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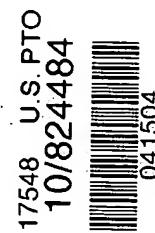
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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Re: Application of Stephanie LANE, Denis PENNINCKX, Olivier AUDOUIN,
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NETWORK ELEMENT FOR USE IN AN OPTICAL COMMUNICATION
NETWORK, IN PARTICULAR A DWDM COMMUNICATION NETWORK
Assignee: ALCATEL
Our Ref. Q80977



Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 19 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 1 sheet of drawings, a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Application Data Sheet, an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified), and a Preliminary Amendment.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>11</u> - 20	=	<u> </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>2</u> - 3	=	<u> </u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00
Base Fee								\$770.00

TOTAL FILING FEE	\$770.00
Recordation of Assignment	\$40.00
TOTAL FEE	<u>\$810.00</u>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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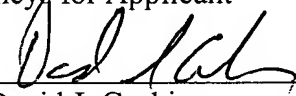
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